

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 47 and 48 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 1-8 are allowed, and claim 10 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, all rejected claims, including claims 9-46, are canceled. New dependent claims 47 and 48 are added to depend from claim 6, and to recite additional features disclosed in this specification at, for example, col. 12, lines 31-41; col. 13, lines 24-37; and col. 14, lines 3-36.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Lao for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the January 25 telephone interview. The substance of the telephone interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action asserts that the Reissue Application papers failed to state the capacity for Seiko to submit the Reissue Application. During the telephone interview, Examiner Lao asserted that the application papers did not identify Seiko's percentage of ownership of the application. However, as discussed during the telephone interview, such a requirement is not necessary, because the filed "Consent of Assignee to Reissue" identifies the reel and frame numbers of the recorded Assignment. Thus, the application papers fully comply with the requirements for Reissue Application, as stated in MPEP §324 II(B).

The Office Action rejects claims 9, 11-16, 37-39 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,251,051 to Fujiyoshi et al. ("Fujiyoshi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,017,914 to Uchida et al. ("Uchida"). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 9-46.

New claims 47 and 48 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of allowed claim 6, from which they depend, as well as for additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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